

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method for providing online shipment information to a freight forwarder, comprising the steps of:

5 (1) generating a set of shipment information at each stage of shipment preparation;
(2) downloading the shipment information into a shipment information database;
(3) linking the shipment information database to a network server linked to a network system to allow the freight forwarder to gain access to the shipment information via the network system and through a browser program and print the shipment information into
10 a set of customs/exportation application documents.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein in said step (1), the shipment information includes EDI855-related information, delivery-related information, and EDI856-related information.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein in said step (3), the network system is Internet.

4. The method of claim 3, wherein in said step (3), the network server is a Web server.

15 5. The method of claim 3, wherein in said sep (3), the browser program is Microsoft Internet Explorer.

6. The method of claim 3, wherein in said sep (3), the browser program is Netscape Navigator.

7. A method for providing online shipment information to a freight forwarder, comprising the steps of:

(1) generating a set of shipment information at each stage of shipment preparation, including EDI855-related information, delivery-related information, and EDI856-related information;

5 (2) downloading the shipment information into a shipment information database;

(3) linking the shipment information database to a Web server linked to Internet to allow the freight forwarder to gain access to the shipment information via Internet and through a Web browser program and print the shipment information into a set of customs/exportation application documents.

8. The method of claim 7, wherein in said sep (3), the Web browser program is Mi-
10 cROsoft Internet Explorer.

9. The method of claim 7, wherein in said sep (3), the Web browser program is Net-
scape Navigator.

10. An online shipment information server system for providing online shipment in-
formation to a freight forwarder, which comprises:

15 (a) a shipment management platform, which is used to prepare a set of shipment information, including EDI855-related information, delivery-related information, and EDI856-related information;

(b) a shipment information database, which is used to store all the shipment infor-
mation prepared by the shipment management platform; and

20 (c) a Web server, which is externally linked to Internet and internally linked to the shipment information database, for serving up the shipment information stored in the shipment information database via Internet to the freight forwarder, allowing the freight

forwarder to view the shipment information through a Web browser program and print the shipment information into a set of customs/exportation application documents.

11. The online shipment information server system of claim 10, wherein the Web browser program is Microsoft Internet Explorer.
- 5 12. The online shipment information server system of claim 10, wherein the Web browser program is Netscape Navigator.

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